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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

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Indian Gaming

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Tribal-State Class III Gaming Compact taking effect.

SUMMARY: This notice publishes the Class III Gaming Compact between the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts taking effect.

DATES: EFFECTIVE DATE: [Insert date of publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER].

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paula L. Hart, Director, Office of Indian Gaming, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary - Policy and Economic Development, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 219-4066.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA), Public Law 100-497, 25 U.S.C. 2701 *et seq.*, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish in the Federal Register notice of approved Tribal-State compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III gaming activities on Indian lands. The Compact between the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (State) and the Mashpee Wampanoag provides for limited annual payments to the State for statewide and regional exclusivity. The term of the compact is 20 years from the date of the facility's opening with an automatic renewal of 20 years without modifications. The Secretary took no action on the Compact within 45 days of its submission by

the Tribe and the State. Therefore, the compact is considered to have been approved, but only to the extent that the Compact is consistent with IGRA. *See* 25 U.S.C. 2710(d)(8)(C).

Dated: January 24, 2014.

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